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1. The Berlin-Teltow (Z73) branch of the Askania-Werke received Soviet orders in early August 1947 for the production of a gasoline gauge (Benzinuhr) for fighter aircraft designed by a Berlin inventor named Mürop. The device is said to eliminate a gasoline gauge deficiency in fast planes whose rapidly shifting acceleration hampers the reliability of such instruments. The outstanding feature of Mürop's invention is that the measurement device of the gauge swims freely in the gas tank.

2. The plans were obtained, and orders given, by a Soviet Marine Commission headed by a Captain Glyskin with headquarters in Haus Wendenschloss in Berlin-Müggelheim (V03). Glyskin has no direct associations with anyone and makes all his contacts through a Balt interpreter, Plapton Wendt, resident at Barstrasse 26, Berlin-Wilmersdorf.

3. The Askania General Directorate originally was very reluctant to comply with the above orders but finally succumbed under pressure applied to the Teltow branch. The Directorate then ordered that this production would be confined to Teltow and planned to transfer skilled workers from the Askania plant in Berlin's American Sector. This fell through because the manager of the latter plant could not spare approximately sixty workers and because the workers themselves refused to enter the Soviet Sector.

4. The Ueberlingen (X00, French Zone) branch of Askania, which is producing the "Potentiometer" and other measurement devices for submarines, is currently exploring the possibilities of a complete economic and juridical separation from the entire Askania combine. This survey was produced both by the pressure brought to bear by the Russians on the Berlin establishment and by fear that the plant in the American Sector may be shut down. In the latter event, the Ueberlingen branch would prefer to be independent.

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